

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

CASE NO.: S-665

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**Apparatus and Method For Lacing**

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) or Section 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or Section 365(a) of any PCT International Application which designates at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International Application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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Number	Country	Day/Mo/Yr Filed	Priority Claimed	
			Yes	No
NONE				

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States Provisional Application(s) listed below:

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Application Serial No.	Filing Date
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States Application(s), or Section 365(c) of any PCT International Application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International Application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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NONE		

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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And I hereby appoint John F. Sieberth, Reg. No. 17,704, and R. Andrew Patty II, Reg. No. 38,992, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, my attorney(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, said attorney(s) to have full power of substitution and revocation. *Please make all telephone calls to John F. Sieberth at (504) 929-6840.*

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